GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6132
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SALE OF SPURIOUS LIQUOR IN DELHI
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurious liquor is being sold in Delhi in connivance with Delhi Police;

(b) if so, the number of persons who died due to consumption of spurious liquor during 2002, till date;

(c) the number of persons arrested so far in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the sale of such liquor in Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There is no evidence to believe that spurious liquor is being sold in Delhi in connivance with Delhi Police.However, there have been isolated cases in which police personnel were proceeded against for their negligence and failure to control sale of illicit liquor in their areas.

(b): During the current year upto 25th April, 2002, eight persons are alleged to have died in Delhi after consuming spurious liquor.

(c): Two persons were arrested in connection with these cases whereas one person remains absconding.

(d): The steps taken by Delhi Police to check the sale of illicit liquor in Delhi include increased surveillance on the activities of criminals having past record of involvement in such activities; collection of intelligence and conduct of raids at possible hide-outs of criminals suspected to be involved in such activities; setting-up of special pickets in areas prone to sale of illicit liquor; watch on the country liquor shops; sensitization of the public through media regarding dangers of illicit liquor; and setting up of special pickets and deployment of patrol parties in the areas bordering the National Capital Territory of Delhi to prevent and detect smuggling of illicit liquor etc.